EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD

TRAINING TITLE Lawn Edging and Trimming

KEY TEACHING POINTS

PREPARATION.

- Thoroughly inspect the area where edger-trimmer is to be used, and remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones, and other foreign objects which might be picked up and thrown.
- Do not operate edger-trimmer when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial foot wear, and pants or slacks that cover your legs when operating edger.
- Check fuel before starting engine. Do not fill gasoline tank indoors, when engine is running, or while engine is still hot. Wipe out any spilled gasoline before starting engine.
- Disengage cutterhead drive before starting engine.
- Do not use edger-trimmer unless blade guard, belt guards and debris guard are properly in place.
- Edge or trim only in daylight or artificial light.
- Do not operate without wearing hearing protection.
- Never operate equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk, never run.
- Sharpen blades that show nicks. Ensure that blades are balanced to prevent vibration and reduce wear on the engine.

OPERATION.

- Start the engine carefully. Keep hands and feet well away from blade.
- Do not adjust the idle or speed on the engine.
- Wear safety glasses and a hard hat when operating edger-trimmer.
- Keep clear of discharge opening at all times. Never discharge any material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near machine while it is in operation.
- Stop blade when crossing drives, walks, or roads.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine and inspect edger-trimmer for damage before starting engine.
- If edger-trimmer should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check for the cause
- Stop the engine whenever you leave the edger-trimmer, and when making repairs or inspections.
- Do not run engine indoors.
- Shut engine off and wait until blade comes to a complete stop before removing grass that may clog blade guard.
- Watch out for traffic when working near roadways.
- Stay alert for uneven sidewalks, holes in terrain or other hidden hazards when using edger-trimmer. Always push slowly over rough ground.
- Remember, never operate edger-trimmer unless blade guard, belt guards, and debris guard are properly in place.
- Disengage power to cutterhead and stop engine before leaving edger-trimmer, before making repairs, inspections, or adjustments and when transporting or when not being used.
- Check blade mounting nut frequently for proper tightness. Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure equipment is in safe working condition.

TEST **ANSWERS** QUESTION TRUE FALSE 1 Start the engine carefully. Keep hands and feet well away from blade. 2 Wipe out any spilled gasoline before starting engine. 3 Always wear substantial foot wear, and pants that cover your legs when operating edger. 4 Never operate edger-trimmer unless blade guard, belt guards, and debris guard are in place. 5 Disengage cutterhead drive before starting engine. DATE EMPLOYEE'S NAME EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE INSTRUCTOR'S NAME INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE